

Federal Highway Administration
NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY and PUBLIC HEARING
FOR THE
Richmond Highway (U.S. Route 1) and Telegraph Road (VA Route 611) Connector
Fairfax County, Virginia
Environmental Assessment and Section 4(f) Evaluation

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) announces the availability of the *Environmental Assessment (EA)/Section 4(f) Evaluation for the Richmond Highway-Telegraph Road Connector*, Fairfax County, Virginia. The EA/4(f) has been prepared in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), regulations of the Council on Environmental Quality and FHWA, the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA), and Section 4(f) of the U.S. Department of Transportation Act.

The Eastern Federal Lands Highway Division of FHWA has prepared this document in cooperation with the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT), Fairfax County Department of Transportation, and the U.S. Department of Defense, Defense Access Roads Program, U.S. Army Garrison Fort Belvoir, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Baltimore District, and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Humphreys Engineer Center.

The Preferred Alternative is construction of a 4-lane replacement roadway for the closed sections of Beulah Street (VA Route 613) and Woodlawn Road (VA Route 618) through Fort Belvoir. The project involves 1.5 miles of new roadway construction, widening of Old Mill Road, and intersection improvements at both U.S. Route 1 and Telegraph Road. Consulting Parties have been identified and are working with the State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO) to address issues related to potential impacts to cultural resources. It is anticipated that there will be a Memorandum of Agreement with the SHPO regarding potential impacts to the Woodlawn Plantation and the Woodlawn Historic District, in order to address the requirements of Sections 106 and 110 of the NHPA.

Public Review:

The public is encouraged to review and comment on the EA/4(f). The EA/4(f) is available for public review at the following locations:

- **Federal Highway Administration, Eastern Federal Lands Highway Division**, 21400 Ridgetop Circle, Sterling, VA 20166
- **Fort Belvoir, Public Affairs Office**, 9820 Flagler Road, Suite 201, Fort Belvoir, VA 22060
- **Kingstowne Library**, 6500 Landsdowne Centre, Alexandria, VA 22315
- **Lee District Supervisor Dana Kauffman's Office**, 6121 Franconia Road, Alexandria, VA 22310
- **Mount Vernon District Supervisor Gerald Hyland's Office**, Mount Vernon Governmental Center, 2511 Parkers Lane, Alexandria, VA 22306
- **Sherwood Regional Library**, 2501 Sherwood Hall Lane, Alexandria, VA 22306

It is also available on the internet at

http://www.evl.fhwa.dot.gov/planning/active_projects_rhtrc.htm

FHWA invites you to furnish email and written comments on the EA by September 18, 2006 to:

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Public Hearing:
SEPTEMBER 7, 2006

PUBLIC MEETING/HEARING NOTICE

FHWA considers public involvement to be an important component to a successful planning process. In accordance with NEPA and NHPA, a public meeting/Location Public Hearing is planned for:

September 7, 2006
at the
Cafeteria – Mount Vernon High School
8515 Old Mount Vernon Road,
Alexandria, VA 22309
6:00-9:00 p.m.

The purpose of the meeting is to provide an opportunity for the public to review and offer comments on the EA. FHWA staff and representatives from key project agencies will be available.

All interested citizens and interest groups are invited and encouraged to attend. This is an opportunity for individuals, representatives of civic and other groups, public agencies, and governing bodies to ask questions and offer comments. A presentation will be made at approximately 7:00 p.m. There will be opportunity to provide oral and written comments at the hearing. **Written comments on the EA can be submitted until September 18, 2006**, as noted above.

DIRECTIONS TO MEETING PLACE:

From Fort Belvoir @ Woodlawn Road and U.S. Route 1: Go NORTH onto U.S. Route 1 for 0.4 miles; Turn RIGHT onto Mt. Vernon Memorial Highway (Va. Route 235) for 2.4 miles; Turn LEFT onto Old Mt. Vernon Road for 0.6 miles to High School parking lot.

From Alexandria @ I-495: Go SOUTH on U.S. Route 1 (Richmond Highway); Turn LEFT onto southbound Mount Vernon Highway (Va. Route 235) for 0.4 miles; bear RIGHT onto Old Mt. Vernon Road (Va. Route 623) for 0.4 miles to High School parking lot.

Right-of-Way and Relocation Assistance: Information about right-of-way purchase is provided in VDOT's brochure entitled "Right of Way and Utilities: a Guide for Property Owners and Tenants." Copies of that brochure will be available at the public meeting, and can be found on the web at: <http://www.virginiadot.org/business/2002BrochureFinalPrinted.pdf>

Special Assistance: If you require additional information or special assistance to attend and participate in this meeting, please call 703-404-6282.

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